IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiples uses, [;] each said container comprising [of the type that, conforming a bottle or similar thing, -of structure and materials usually developed for their disposal -, essentially includes);

a bottom <u>surface</u>, a top <u>surface</u>, and lateral walls [finished in] <u>that are joined</u> to one another via the bottom <u>surface</u> and the top <u>surface</u>; and [this] <u>said</u> top [wall] <u>surface</u> [is] <u>having a prolonged [in a] neck delimiting an access mouth to <u>an [its] interior of said container, said access mouth [that can] being shuttable using [by means of] a cover that can be removed; [characterized because] <u>wherein</u></u></u>

[so much] the lateral walls and [as those of] the bottom and top <u>surfaces</u> possess means for lateral and top <u>and bottom</u> interconnection with others of the [same characteristics] <u>plurality of modular containers</u>, [consisting in] <u>wherein the means for interconnection include</u> compatible recesses and salients and of reciprocal fit through <u>initial</u>, <u>but not continuous</u>, pressure.

- 2. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, in accordance with claim 1, [characterized because] wherein the means [of] for lateral interconnection are recesses and salients conformed in the lateral walls of the container as male-female engaging means, compatible to each other and disposed along said walls.
- 3. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, in accordance with claim 2, [characterized because] wherein the means for [of] lateral interconnection are guided in the longitudinal sense of the container.

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- 4. (ONCE AMENDED) <u>A plurality of modular containers that can be</u> interconnected, in accordance with claim 2, [characterized because] <u>wherein</u> the means [of] <u>for</u> lateral interconnection are guided in the traverse sense of the container.
- 5. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, in accordance with claim 2, [characterized because] wherein the means [of] for lateral interconnection are guided at an angle [sidelong] with regard to the longitudinal geometric axis of the container.
- 6. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, in accordance with claim 2, [characterized because] wherein the means [of] for lateral interconnection are alternate recesses and salients compatible to each other that constitute male-female engaging means with the equivalent recesses and salients provided by the lateral walls of other containers similar to those with which they are laterally connectable.
- 7. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, in accordance with claim 2, [characterized because] wherein the means [of] for top interconnection [are] includes a salient conformed in the top [wall] surface of the container, compatible with recesses conforming in the bottom surface an external cavity, as male-female engaging means among said top [wall] surface of each [bottle] container with regard to said cavity of the bottom surface of another similar container [of equal characteristics].
- 8. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, in accordance with claim 2, [characterized because] wherein the compatible salients and their recesses are circular.
- 9. (ONCE AMENDED) <u>A plurality of modular containers that can be</u> interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 2, [characterized because] wherein the compatible salients and their recesses are alternate nerves with straight recesses.



- 10. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 7, [characterized because] wherein the means [of] for top interconnection of a container [-] with the cavity and central depression in the bottom of another container of [equal] similar characteristics [consist on] includes a neck born in the top shoulder of the container, starting from a surrounding cord that is projected [forming] to form an annular tooth of retention against an annular groove, compatibly provided by the [mentioned] cavity of the bottom surface.
- 11. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 7, [characterized because] wherein the top [wall] surface of the container, conforming [the] shoulders [of] on the top surface [same] toward [the] a proximal extremity [reduces gradually] gradually reduces its traverse section, ending the formation of [forming] the neck; while, [in a concordant way,] the bottom surface [wall -] as a female connection means with the top and its neck [- affects] includes a cavity of size and format compatible with the [mentioned] shoulders and that includes a central depression compatible with the admission of the [mentioned] neck of another container of [equal] similar characteristics.
- 12.(ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim [7] 11, [characterized because] wherein the shoulders are rounded convex.
- 13.(ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim [7] 11, [characterized because] wherein the shoulders are in the form of a cone trunk whose smaller base is prolonged conforming the neck of the bottle.
- 14. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 7, [characterized because] wherein [the]shoulders on the top surface are in trunk-pyramidal shape whose smaller base is prolonged conforming the neck of the container.



15. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 10, [characterized because] wherein the external cavity of the bottom surface is rounded concave, and [affected of] includes a central depression compatible with the neck of the container; and [being the] an adjacency area among the [mentioned] central depression and said cavity of the bottom surface, and which includes [affected of] an annular groove compatible with [the] an annular cord of the neck[; so that in the rim connector between]. [lola]

16. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 9, [characterized because] wherein the cavity of the bottom surface is infundibuliform. with a concave portion in the form of a cone trunk [provides of] including a central depression [-] compatible with [the] a neck of another bottle of [the same] similar characteristics [-] and an annular groove, in turn compatible to a [the] retentive fit of [the] an annular cord of the outer compatible bottle which is connectable to the same.

17. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 9, [characterized because] wherein the cavity of the bottom surface is infundibuliform, [with] including a concave portion in a concave trunk-pyramidal shape, provided of a central depression compatible with the neck of the bottle.

18. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 9, [characterized because] wherein the central [cavity] depression of the concave bottom is in size and shape compatible with that of the neck and an annular cord of the [bottle] container and its cover.

19. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 15, [characterized because] wherein the central [cavity] depression of the concave bottom is in size and shape compatible with that of the neck and an annular cord of the [bottle] container lacking its cover.

20. (ONCE AMENDED) <u>A plurality of modular containers that can be</u> interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 19, [characterized because] <u>wherein said</u> [this] central cavity of the concave bottom is inwardly provided [of] <u>with a threaded portion compatible with [the] a threaded portion of the neck of the bottle.</u>

- 21. (ONCE AMENDED) <u>A plurality of modular containers that can be</u> interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 19, [characterized because] <u>wherein</u> the central cavity of the concave bottom is in size and shape compatible with that of the neck of the [bottle] <u>container</u> without its cover, although with a [lightly] <u>slightly</u> smaller interior diameter to the exterior of said neck; so that the male-female interconnection among the mentioned neck of a bottle, and the central cavity provided by the bottom of another bottle is able to take place by <u>a</u> forced fit through <u>initial</u>, <u>but not continuous</u>, pressure.
- 22. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 19, [characterized because] wherein the central [cavity] depression of the concave bottom is in size and shape compatible with that of the neck of the bottle without its cover, although provided of nerves that an interior diameter [lightly] slightly reduced respecting the exterior of said neck; so that [the] a male-female interconnection among the [mentioned] neck of a [bottle] container and the central [cavity] depression provided by the bottom of another [bottle] container is able to take place due to a forced fit by initial, but not continuous pressure.
- 23. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 2, [characterized because] wherein a [the] central cavity of [the] a concave bottom surface is in size and shape compatible with that of the neck of the bottle without its cover, although provided of nerves that reduce its interior diameter with regard to [the] an external diameter of said cover; so that [the] a male-female interconnection among the [mentioned] neck and cover of the [bottle] container and the central cavity provided [by] in the bottom surface of another [bottle] container is able to take place due to [the] a forced fit by initial, but not continuous pressure.



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- 24. (ONCE AMENDED) <u>A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected</u>, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 1, [characterized because] <u>wherein a [the] traverse section of the [bottle] container is [squared,] square and is defined by the lateral walls provided of the [coupling male-female] interconnection means with other bottles of [equal] <u>similar characteristics</u>.</u>
- 25. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 1, [characterized because] wherein the lateral walls of the bottle correspond to a prism.
- 26. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 1, [characterized because] wherein the lateral walls of the [bottle] container correspond to a regular prism.
- 27. (ONCE AMENDED) <u>A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected</u>, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 1, [characterized because] <u>wherein</u> the lateral walls of the bottle correspond to an irregular prism.
- 28. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 1, [characterized because] wherein the lateral walls of the bottle correspond to a prism [of] having a square base.
- 29. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 1, [characterized because] wherein the lateral walls of the [bottle] container correspond to a prism [of] having a square base in an octagonal shape (that is its corners slanted).
- 30. (ONCE AMENDED) A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses[;] in accordance with claim 1, [characterized because] wherein the lateral walls of the [bottle] container correspond to a prism [of] having an octagonal base.